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By His Excellency
Thomas Chittenden Esqr
Governor. Captain General. and Commander in Chief. in and
over the State of Vermont
A PROCLAMATION

It being the indispensable duty of us as a People. to
acknowledge. our absolute dependence on the supreme
Ruler of the Universe. by seeking for direction and success
in all our affairs; and the approaches of spring more
especially calling upon us to implore the divine
Blessing. on the concerns and occurrences of the ensuing
year. and to humble ourselves for our sins. —
I have therefore thought fit. by and with the advice of the
Council to appoint. and I do hereby appoint Wednesday.
the tenth day of May next. to be observed as a day of Public
Humiliation. Fasting. and Prayer. throughout this State.
And I do hereby exhort the Ministers and People of every religious
denomination. to assemble on said day. at their respective
places of public Worship. humbly to acknowledge their
sins. and supplicate divine forgiveness. through the merits
of Jesus Christ. that he would restore needed mercies.
Order & righteousness the internal government of the
State; — that he would be pleased to bless the President.
Senate. and House of Representatives of the United States
of America; and direct them in all their consultations
to the advancement of his glory. the good of his church.
the safety. honor and welfare of his people; that he would
secure the invaluable blessings of a just and equal
government to the United States. and that he would extend
that government to all nations which establishes civil
and religious liberty. - founded upon the ~~natural~~ natural
rights of the people. that he would save our land from
wasting sickness. pestilence. droughts. insects. and
every desolating judgement —

That he would favor agriculture, and cause the earth to yield its increase; That he would graciously bestow his blessings upon all schools and seminaries of learning; that they may be ~~more~~ nurseries of piety, and extensively useful: That he would continue peace to us, defend our frontiers, and terminate our contest with the Indians by lasting bonds of amity and reciprocal advantage: Put an end to war, to tyranny, and to despotism, and humble the proud oppressors of mankind; and that the kind Author of these blessings, will be graciously pleased to prolong them to us, to imprint on our hearts a deep and solemn sense of our obligations to him for them; to teach us rightly to estimate their value, To dispose us to merit a continuance of his favors, by not abusing them, by our gratitude for them, and by correspondent conduct as citizens, and as men; To extend among us true and useful knowledge; to diffuse and establish acts of sobriety, order, morality, and piety, - And finally, to impart all the blessings we pray or wish for ourselves, to the whole family of mankind; That GOD would mercifully shed down the influence of his Holy Spirit - Put an end to error - revive decaying religion through this land, and the world; that he would for this end, bless the Ministers of his Holy Word, grant them more abundant measures of knowledge and grace; that he would build us in the faith, purity, and fellowship of the gospel, and advance the peaceful, glorious kingdom of God our Saviour through out the world. And I do earnestly recommend to the good people of this State, to abstain from all servile labor and recreation, inconsistent with the duties of said day.

Given under my hand at Watertown, this seventh day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand, seven hundred and ninety five; and of our Independence the nineteenth

By His Excellency's Command

Thomas Cushing

Samuel Sewall Secretary

GOD. SAVE THE COMMONWEALTH